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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Robert E. Johnson et al.

Conf. No. 3219

Application No.: 09/845,839

Art Unit: 2171

Filed: April 30, 2001

Examiner: Frantz Coby

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR VALIDATION  
OF STORAGE DEVICE ADDRESSES

**RESPONSE**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated June 17, 2004, Paper No./Mail Date 20040610, please accept this response related to the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims:** No amendments are presented with this response. However, a listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper, are included for the Examiner's convenience.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- (X) Response/Amendment ( ) Petition to extend time to respond  
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(X) No additional fee  
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INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	= 0	X \$86	\$ 0
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